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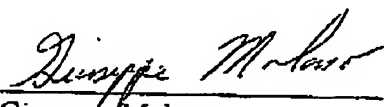
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 13, 2005, in which the Examiner imposed a species requirement, please consider the following remarks.

The Examiner has indicated that the present application contains claims directed to more than one species and thus requires an election under 35 U.S.C. 121 of one of the following species of the claimed invention:

Species I.	Fig. 1
Species II.	Fig. 6
Species III.	Fig. 7
Species IV.	Fig. 8

In response to the species requirement, Applicant provisionally elects the invention of Species IV, as depicted in Fig. 8 - drawn to a reduction platform and external frame - for prosecution in this application. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications to protect the inventions of Species I-III. Applicant provisionally elects Species IV with the understanding that the claims shall be restricted to this Species only if no claim finally held to be allowable is held generic.

**Sub-Species Requirement**

The Examiner has also indicated that the present application contains claims directed to more than one sub-species and thus requires an election under 35 U.S.C. 121 of one of the following sub-species of the claimed invention:

Sub-species i            Fig. 2c  
Sub-species ii          Fig. 2d

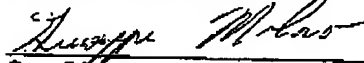
In response to the sub-species requirement, Applicant provisionally elects the invention of Sub-species i, as depicted in Fig. 2c - drawn to an inserter - for prosecution in this application. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to protect the invention of Sub-species ii. Applicant provisionally elects Sub-species i with the understanding that the claims shall be restricted to this Sub-species only if no claim finally held to be allowable is held generic.

Applicant believes that pending claims 1-9, 31-39, 41-47, 66-77, 81, and 83-86 are readable on the elected Species.

No fee is believed due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

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